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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF)
ULRICH HOLESCHOVSKY ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1733
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/028,897) EXAMINER: J. L. GOFF II
FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2001)
TITLE: A PROCESS TO LAMINATE)
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MANDATORY NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR § 41.8

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Notice is submitted to update Section II and Section X, the Related Proceedings Appendix of the Appeal Brief filed by Appellants on December 3, 2004.

It is respectfully requested that Section II of Appellants' Appeal Brief filed on December 3, 2004 be changed or updated to reflect the statement presented below for Section II. This Notice is being filed on August 5, 2005 which is the same date the Appeal Brief is being filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in copending U.S. Application Serial Number 10/310,375. The undersigned agent is also responsible for filing the Appeal Brief in this copending U.S. Application (i.e. U.S. Serial Number 10/310,375). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Appellants have complied with the time period stated in 37 CFR § 41.8.

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August 5, 2005

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II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

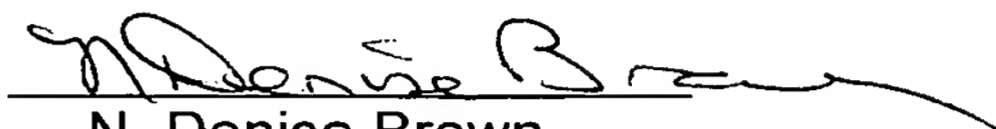
There is one pending appeal which Appellants are aware of that may be related to, would directly affect, would be affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

This pending appeal is in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/310,375 which was filed on December 5, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this copending application on June 8, 2005 and an Appeal Brief will be filed on or before August 8, 2005. The undersigned agent is identifying the pending Appeal in this copending Application as related under this section for the following reasons: (1) the broad claims therein require corona discharge at a rate of 0.2 to 20 V/cm² which is the same rate as required by the broad claims in the present application, and (2) the claims therein are directed to artificial turfs and to a process for producing artificial turf, and the claims of the present invention are directed to a process for the production of a tufted good. Differences between the invention of the copending Application and the present invention include the fact that the present invention is directed to a process for producing a tufted good compared to the invention of the copending Application which is directed to a process for the production of an artificial turf and to an artificial turf. While all artificial turfs can properly be considered tufted goods, not all tufted goods can properly be considered artificial turfs. In the presently claimed process, a flexible film is treated by corona discharge, and in the copending Application, the fibers which are eventually tufted into a primary backing to form a greige good are treated by corona discharge. Thus, the corona discharge in these two applications is applied to different substrates.

Aside from this, there are no interferences or other judicial proceedings which Appellants are aware of that may be related to, would directly affect, would be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the present appeal.

Appellants' respectfully request that this notice be placed in the file for the convenience of the Honorable Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX:

The copending application that Appellants' identified under Related Appeals and Interferences is currently pending at the Board. Thus, a decision is not available at this time